

EE203001 Linear Algebra  
Solutions for Homework #1    Spring Semester, 2003

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2. Let  $V = \{\text{all vector } (x, y, z) \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^3 \text{ with } x = 0 \text{ or } y = 0\}$ . Choose a  $v_1 = (x_1, 0, z_1) \in V$  with  $x_1 \neq 0$  and a  $v_2 = (0, y_2, z_2) \in V$  with  $y_2 \neq 0$ . Since  $v_1 + v_2 = (x_1, y_2, z_1 + z_2) \notin V$ , Axiom 1 fails to hold and  $V$  is not a linear space.
6. Let  $V$  be the set of all vectors  $v = (x, y, z)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} x & y & z \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} & a_{31} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} & a_{32} \\ a_{13} & a_{23} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} = vH = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = O.$$

Let  $v = (x, y, z)$ ,  $v_1 = (x_1, y_1, z_1)$ ,  $v_2 = (x_2, y_2, z_2)$ , and  $v_3 = (x_3, y_3, z_3)$  be elements in  $V$  and  $a, b$  be real numbers.

(1) Axiom 1.

Since  $(v_1 + v_2)H = v_1H + v_2H = O$ ,  $v_1 + v_2$  is in  $V$ .

(2) Axiom 2.

Since  $(av)H = a(vH) = aO = O$ ,  $av$  is in  $V$ .

(3) Axiom 3.

$v_1 + v_2 = (x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2, z_1 + z_2) = (x_2 + x_1, y_2 + y_1, z_2 + z_1) = v_2 + v_1$ .

(4) Axiom 4.

$$\begin{aligned} (v_1 + v_2) + v_3 &= ((x_1 + x_2) + x_3, (y_1 + y_2) + y_3, (z_1 + z_2) + z_3) \\ &= (x_1 + (x_2 + x_3), y_1 + (y_2 + y_3), z_1 + (z_2 + z_3)) \\ &= v_1 + (v_2 + v_3). \end{aligned}$$

(5) Axiom 5.

$v + O = (x, y, z) + (0, 0, 0) = (x, y, z) = v$ .

(6) Axiom 6.

$v + (-1)v = (x - x, y - y, z - z) = O$ .

(7) Axiom 7.

$a(bv) = a(bx, by, bz) = (a(bx), a(by), a(bz)) = ((ab)x, (ab)y, (ab)z) = (ab)(x, y, z) = (ab)v$ .

(8) Axiom 8.

$$\begin{aligned} a(v_1 + v_2) &= a(x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2, z_1 + z_2) \\ &= (ax_1 + ax_2, ay_1 + ay_2, az_1 + az_2) \\ &= (ax_1, ay_1, az_1) + (ax_2, ay_2, az_2) \\ &= a(x_1, y_1, z_1) + a(x_2, y_2, z_2) \\ &= av_1 + av_2. \end{aligned}$$

(9) Axiom 9.

$$\begin{aligned}
(a+b)v &= ((a+b)x, (a+b)y, (a+b)z) \\
&= (ax+bx, ay+by, az+bz) \\
&= (ax, ay, az) + (bx, by, bz) \\
&= a(x, y, z) + b(x, y, z) \\
&= av + bv.
\end{aligned}$$

(10) Axiom 10.

$$1v = (1x, 1y, 1z) = (x, y, z) = v.$$

**21.** Let  $x, y$  and  $z$  be positive real numbers in  $V = \mathbb{R}^+$ . Let  $a, b$  be real numbers. Denote the addition by  $\oplus$  and the scalar multiplication by  $\odot$ .

(1) Axiom 1.

Since  $x, y$  are positive,  $x \oplus y = xy$ , is positive, too.

Then  $x \oplus y$  is in  $V$ .

(2) Axiom 2.

Since  $x$  is positive and  $a$  is real,  $a \odot x = x^a$  is positive.

Then  $a \odot x$  is in  $V$ .

(3) Axiom 3.

$$x \oplus y = xy = yx = y \oplus x.$$

(4) Axiom 4.

$$(x \oplus y) \oplus z = xy \oplus z = (xy)z = x(yz) = x \oplus yz = x \oplus (y \oplus z).$$

(5) Axiom 5.

$$x \oplus 1 = 1x = x.$$

(6) Axiom 6.

$$x \oplus (-1) \odot x = x \oplus x^{-1} = xx^{-1} = 1.$$

(7) Axiom 7.

$$a \odot (b \odot x) = a \odot x^b = (x^b)^a = x^{ab} = (ab) \odot x.$$

(8) Axiom 8.

$$a \odot (x \oplus y) = a \odot (xy) = (xy)^a = x^a y^a = (a \odot x)(a \odot y) = (a \odot x) \oplus (a \odot y).$$

(9) Axiom 9.

$$(a+b) \odot x = x^{a+b} = x^a x^b = (a \odot x)(b \odot x) = (a \odot x) \oplus (b \odot x).$$

(10) Axiom 10.

$$1 \odot x = x^1 = x.$$

**22.** (a) Step 1 :

Let  $0$  be a zero element in  $V$  as stated in Axiom 5.

$$0x + 0x = (0 + 0)x \text{ (by Axiom 9)} = 0x.$$

Add  $(-1)(0x)$ , which is a negative of the element  $0x$ , to both sides, we have

$$(0x + 0x) + (-1)(0x) = 0x + (-1)(0x)$$

On the right-hand side, we have

$$0x + (-1)(0x) = 0 \text{ (by Axiom 6).}$$

On the left-hand side, we have

$$\begin{aligned}(0x + 0x) + (-1)(0x) &= 0x + (0x + (-1)(0x)) \text{ (by Axiom 4)} \\ &= 0x + 0 \text{ (by Axiom 6)} \\ &= 0x \text{ (by Axiom 5).}\end{aligned}$$

We conclude that  $0x = 0$ .

Step 2 :

$$\begin{aligned}x &= x + 0x \text{ (by Axiom 5 and Step 1)} \\ &= x + ((-1) + 1)x = x + ((-1)x + 1x) \text{ (by Axiom 9)} \\ &= (x + (-1)x) + 1x \text{ (by Axiom 4)} \\ &= 0 + 1x \text{ (by Axiom 6)} \\ &= 1x + 0 \text{ (by Axiom 3)} \\ &= 1x \text{ (by Axiom 5).}\end{aligned}$$

- (b) Let  $S$  be the set of all ordered pairs  $(x_1, x_2)$  of real numbers. If we define the addition as  $(x_1, x_2) + (y_1, y_2) = (x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2)$ , and the multiplication by scalars as  $a(x_1, x_2) = (ax_1, 0)$ , then the first 9 Axioms, but with Axioms 6 replaced by Axiom 6', hold but the 10th Axiom does not hold.

**23** Let  $v = (x_1, x_2)$  be an element in  $S$  with  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$

- (a) (1) First we show  $(0,0)$  is a zero element in  $S$ . Because for any  $v$  in  $S$ ,  $v + (0, 0) = (x_1, x_2) + (0, 0) = (x_1, x_2) = v$ , thus  $(0,0)$  is a zero element in  $S$ .
- (2) Since  $v + (-1)v = (x_1, x_2) + (-x_1, 0) = (0, x_2) \neq (0, 0)$  in general, Axiom 6 fails to hold.
- (3) Since  $1v = 1(x_1, x_2) = (x_1, 0) \neq (x_1, x_2) = v$  in general, Axiom 10 fails to hold.
- (b) (1) If there exists a zero element called  $O$  in  $S$ ,  $O = (o_1, o_2)$ , then for any element  $v$  in  $S$ ,  $v + O = (x_1, x_2) + (o_1, o_2) = (x_1 + o_1, 0)$ . But due to the property of a zero element,  $v + O = v = (x_1, x_2)$ . Thus, there could not exist any zero element and Axiom 5 fails to hold.
- (2) Because there is no zero element in  $S$ , there would not exist any negative for an element in  $S$ . So Axiom 6 fails to hold.
- (c) (1) Since  $(x_1, x_2) + (y_1, y_2) = (x_1, x_2 + y_2)$ ,  $(y_1, y_2) + (x_1, x_2) = (y_1, y_2 + x_2)$ , we have  $(x_1, x_2) + (y_1, y_2) \neq (y_1, y_2) + (x_1, x_2)$  in general. The commutative law (Axiom 3) for addition fails to hold.
- (2) Since  $(x_1, x_2) + (0, 0) = (x_1, x_2 + 0) = (x_1, x_2)$ ,  $(0, 0)$  is a zero element of  $S$ . But  $(x_1, x_2) + (-1)(x_1, x_2) = (x_1, x_2) + (-x_1, -x_2) = (x_1, x_2 - x_2) = (x_1, 0) \neq (0, 0)$  in general, Axiom 6 fails to hold.
- (3) Since  $(a + b)(x_1, x_2) = ((a + b)x_1, (a + b)x_2)$ , and  $a(x_1, x_2) + b(x_1, x_2) = (ax_1, ax_2) + (bx_1, bx_2) = (ax_1, ax_2 + bx_2)$ , we have  $(a + b)(x_1, x_2) \neq a(x_1, x_2) + b(x_1, x_2)$  in general. Thus Axiom 9 fails to hold.
- (d) (1) Let  $u = (1, 0)$ ,  $v = (-1, 0)$  and  $w = (0, 0)$ . We have  $(u + v) + w = (|1 + (-1)|, |0 + 0|) + w = (0, 0) + (0, 0) = (0, 0)$ , but  $u + (v + w) = u + (|(-1) + 0|, |0 + 0|) = u + (1, 0) = (1, 0) + (1, 0) = (2, 0)$ . Thus Axiom 4, the associative law for addition, fails to hold.

- (2) Suppose there is an element  $O = (o_1, o_2)$  such that  $w + O = w, \forall w \in S$ . Then with  $w = (0, 0)$ , we have  $(0, 0) = (0, 0) + O = (|0 + o_1|, |0 + o_2|) = (|o_1|, |o_2|)$ . Thus  $O$  must be  $(0, 0)$ . But with  $w = (-1, 0)$ , we have  $(-1, 0) = (-1, 0) + O = (|-1 + 0|, |0 + 0|) = (1, 0)$ , a contradiction. We conclude that  $S$  has no zero element and Axiom 5 fails to hold and neither does Axiom 6.
- (3) Let  $a > 0, u = (1, 0)$ , and  $v = (-1, 0)$ . Then  $a(u+v) = a(|1+(-1)|, |0+0|) = a(0, 0) = (|a \cdot 0|, |a \cdot 0|) = (0, 0)$ , and  $au+av = (|a \cdot 1|, |a \cdot 0|) + (|a \cdot (-1)|, |a \cdot 0|) = (a, 0) + (a, 0) = (|a + a|, |0 + 0|) = (2a, 0)$ . We have  $a(u+v) \neq au+av$ , and Axiom 8 fails to hold.
- (4) Let  $a = 1, b = -1$  and  $u = (1, 0)$ . Then  $(a+b)u = 0u = (|0 \cdot 1|, |0 \cdot 0|) = (0, 0)$ , but  $au+bu = (|1 \cdot 1|, |1 \cdot 0|) + (|-1 \cdot 1|, |-1 \cdot 0|) = (1, 0) + (1, 0) = (|1+1|, |0+0|) = (2, 0)$ . Thus Axiom 9 fails to hold.
- (5) Let  $u = (-1, 0)$ . Then  $1u = (|1 \cdot (-1)|, |1 \cdot 0|) = (1, 0) \neq u$ . Axiom 10 fails to hold.